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1. Communists in the Ancon oil fields reportedly are maintaining no official organization and keeping no records on the premises in order that tangible evidence may not be presented against them by the government in the event of strikes. The records are currently kept in the files of the Local Committee of Guayaquil and no regular meetings are held at the oil fields.
2. The Communists hope that any blame for strikes will fall on the Socialists, who have openly organized cells in the Ancon district. The Socialist labor cells have been heavily infiltrated by Communist members, who believe there is little reason to organize their own cells since they have made so much progress with the workers in these groups. However, to carry on their propaganda activities, the Communists every weekend send member agitators to Ancon who are under the cover of giving "labor education" to the workers.
3. It is known that Pedro Saad is drafting a strike petition against the Anglo Ecuadoran Oil Company which is to be presented in January 1949. Saad is also campaigning through his representatives to get the government police assigned to the Ancon district to strike at the same time as the workers. This would eliminate the one and only means of maintaining order at the oil fields.

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Comment. Although this report is at slight variance with [REDACTED] it is believed to present an interesting angle as to the possible modus operandi used by the Communists in respect to the oil workers' cells.)

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